

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to delete the recitation of Ti and V as the transition metals.

Claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by de Blas, Rehder I and Rehder II. The cited references disclose certain complexes of V or Ti. Since the claims as amended no longer recite V or Ti. Accordingly, the present claims are not anticipated by de Blas, Rehder I, or Rehder II.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as presently amended, are neither disclosed nor suggested by de Blas, Rehder I or Rehder II, alone or in combination. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 12-15, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 04-1928.

Respectfully submitted,


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